Cub Scout Shooting Sports Awards Program @ Day Camp

Submitted by local council shooting sports committee members and day camp staffers

The Cub Scout Shooting Sports program can successfully be delivered at Council or District approved Day Camp events. It was designed by current day camp directors and National Camp School faculty to fit into a Day Camp day. It might seem a little tricky to some, so here are some best practices to help you put on a great camp!

Build 2 program stations into your daily schedule dedicated to the Shooting Sports activities.

*This example references BB’s but works the same for Archery and Slingshot.*

**Station 1 - Shooting Safety Station**

The first session in the sequence deals with all the “non-shooting” requirements.

- Level 1 -1 Safety
- L1-2 BB gun operation (no BB’s at this station)
- L1-3 Good shooting technique
- L1-4 How to put away and store a BB gun
- L2-S1 Firing Positions
- L2-S3 Range Commands
- L2-S4 History

**Station 2 - Range Station**

The second session will review the shooting related requirements

- Technique
- Position
- Range Commands

Once the shooting related requirements are completed, move right into shooting targets as specified in the Level 2 – S2 requirement. This plan will allow adequate time to discuss the “non-shooting” time requirements with an appropriate # of Scouts prior to entering the range, AND adequate time for the “Shooting” requirements on the range as well. It has been working in many camps across the country since the Cub Scout Shooting Sports program was developed several years ago.

**DAY 1 -BB Gun Range Example**

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**Alternate Plan:**

When your camp is offering a pre-camp orientation for parents, have campers attend along with your Shooting Sports Staff. Present the “non-shooting” requirements Level 1-1 through Level L2-S4 while the parents are attending orientation. Level 2 requirements will be presented during camp.